

## Recyclemania returns to UMW for sixth year of competition



Recyclemania is back for the sixth year at UMW, competing in the Per Capita Classic category.

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The University of Mary Washington kicked off February by joining schools across the country in RecycleMania, an annual competition that promotes sustainability by encouraging colleges and universities to reduce, reuse, and recycle their on-campus waste. UMW is one of over 450 schools from all 50 states participating in the eight-week competition.

This will be the sixth year that UMW competes in the Per Capita Classic category, which measures the percentage of recycled materials per person.

For the last two years, UMW placed in the top 20 and first in the state of Virginia in the Per Capita Classic category. In 2013, the University recycled 37,544 pounds of materials per person over eight weeks, which is equivalent to more than 200,000 pounds of recyclables kept out of landfills. The 182 metric tons of carbon dioxide removed from the atmosphere through UMW's recycling is

comparable to taking 97 cars off the road.

"I would love for UMW to move into the top 10 internationally in the Per Capita Classic category," said Joni Wilson, director of landscaping and grounds. "I need everyone to recycle, recycle, recycle."

Wilson encourages students to take advantage of the recycling facilities located in residence halls, along Campus Walk and in academic buildings.

Events coinciding with RecycleMania are planned to take place throughout the competition in order to encourage sustainability. Students can take a sustainability pledge by signing recycled bottle caps. Self-proclaimed "RecycleManiacs," made up of members of UMW's Ecology Club and RecycleMania volunteers, will visit residence halls to collect recyclables and spread the word about the competition.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, the University held a "Game Day Challenge" at the men's basketball game, where they received 149 pledges to recycle and gave

away reusable water bottles.

The University will host several RecycleMania events in March, starting on March 6 with the annual "Shred Event," which will be held in the William Street parking lot. Faculty, staff, students and members of the Fredericksburg community are encouraged to come shred their confidential documents for free. Past shred events have resulted in 15,000 pounds of paper recycled in one day.

On Tuesday, March 11, a new sustainability event called "Get Trashed" will be held on Ball Circle, where students will create a community garden greenhouse and mosaic out of recycled bottle caps and two-liter bottles.

Although the competition just began, Wilson said that UMW already made a good start and is reporting numbers similar to last year's winning counts.

For more info go to  
[recyclemaniacs.org](http://recyclemaniacs.org)

## Construction impedes traffic

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Traffic on College Avenue will be delayed on Monday, Feb. 24 due to construction of the new Student Center. The delay will be caused by the delivery of the crane for the construction. The original delivery was going to take place on Feb. 19, but the winter weather pushed back the delivery.

"There will be markedly more tractor-trailer units on College Ave. with the arrival of a large crane carried in pieces on nine trailers," said Les Johnson, the Capital Outlay project manager.

Traffic on College Avenue will also be affected by the delivery of various construction materials. However, there will

not be any road closures.

"Traffic will only be impacted as trailers arrive and leave the construction site. Trailer length makes turning impossible unless traffic is halted for the time necessary to enter and exit," said Johnson. "This will rarely be longer than five minutes per trailer and likely not more than four trailers per day except for the crane, of course."

The delays are expected to minimally impact students.

"When they close off the [construction] gate it makes it harder to get to class. It's not too bad. I can just walk on the other side of the street," said junior Teresa Fenn.

According to Johnson, after the crane is delivered, structural steel framing deliveries will take place two to three times a

week. The number of trailers making deliveries will decrease after 13 weeks, but a few will still come throughout the year.

"I find the fence very inconvenient with the limits to where you can cross the road. [The construction is] not too bad except for the noise," said junior Ike Copperthite.

This is not the first time construction has interrupted traffic on College Avenue, and it may not be the last.

Construction of the Student Center will continue all year, is expected to be completed by the fall of 2015.

"The construction management team will inform us of changes so that the University can inform our community and the neighborhood," said Johnson.

## Boston Bombing Remembrance

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Kappa Sigma will host an event on Wednesday, Feb. 26 and Thursday, Feb. 27, in remembrance of the Boston Bombing that occurred April 15, 2013.

Along with 50 other chapters of Kappa Sigma, the University of Mary Washington chapter will host a prayer canvas that is 73 yards by six yards.

The canvas is provided by an organization called "America 4 Boston," a grassroots project

designed to honor the Boston Marathon bombing victims and the city of Boston, according to their website. The organization was created to show "America's unity and humanity," according to the "America 4 Boston" website.

The canvas began traveling around the U.S. in May 2013 and will end February 2014, according to their website.

The fraternity encourages UMW students to sign the canvas, which will be located in Ball Circle.

"Students can sign their

name, write a nice message or draw a picture, whatever they want to express," said Cooper Stone, senior.

Once the canvas is complete, it will be sent to the Kappa Sigma headquarters and then onto "America 4 Boston." The canvases from all 50 participating Kappa Sigma chapters will be connected and presented at the Boston Red Sox stadium in the upcoming season.

At the same time as the signing of the banner, Kappa Sigma will also be fundraising for the

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## Alumnus returns as Executive-in-Residence

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Matt Ernst, a 1999 University of Mary Washington alumnus, chairman of Walnut Groves Holdings, LLC and UMW executive-in-Residence for 2013-2014 will discuss his experiences the UMW and local community.

Ernst will talk with local business leaders and alumni, as well as faculty and students in the College of Business about the potential risks and successes of starting a business, on Wednesday, Feb. 26 and Thursday, Feb. 27.

Ernst is the founder of Amentra, which was eventually sold to Red Hat, the world's leading provider of Linux and open source technology, in 2008. This company is centered on creating innovative resources and techniques for businesses while also promoting simple and easy ways to move companies forward. Amentra soon became a fast growing company under Ernst's supervision. In 2007 Ernst received the Young Entrepreneur of the Year award.

"We are looking forward to having him visit to share how his UMW education prepared him to conceptualize and begin his own business and then to grow it so that it was attractive to another company," said Lynne Richardson, dean of the College of Business and professor of marketing. "Students should be inspired by his story and realize that they too, can

achieve their dreams of owning their own businesses, should they choose to pursue this path."

Ernst's life experiences will provide assistance to students graduating with a degree in business.

"Matt Ernst has real world experiences from his life and problems or dilemmas he has uncovered along his career. Offering these stories to students looking to graduate with a business degree could help them in their long-run career," said Samantha Carlson, a senior business major.

Ernst will also be able to teach students what they need to know when starting their own business.

"I think that Matt Ernst's visit will be very beneficial to the students, especially those that are looking into starting their own company," said Christian Clift, a senior business major. "It will give them an idea of what running a business will be like, as well as an opportunity to ask any questions that they may have."

The Executive-in-Residence program existed at UMW for 25 years. The program is organized by the College of Business and the Division of Advancement and University Relations. The program is also responsible for bringing over 40 entrepreneurs and business leaders to UMW.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Stafford Campus, Ernst will lead an alumni and student discussion at 6 p.m., followed by a reception. On Thursday

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Courtesy of University of Mary Washington

Matt Ernst, is the UMW executive-in-residence for 2013-2014.

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## Police Beat

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### Vandalism

On Feb. 8, at approximately 3 p.m., a vehicle was vandalized outside of the University Tennis Center. The case is pending.

A case of vandalism occurred at the Eagle Landing parking deck on Feb. 8 at approximately 6 p.m. The case is pending.

### Drug Violation

Two administrative referrals were issued when two students were found in possession of marijuana in Arrington Hall on Feb. 10 at approximately 8:56 p.m.

Two students received two administrative referrals when they were found in possession of marijuana in Marshall Hall on Feb. 14 around 4:05 p.m.

### Harassment

Harassment occurred via cellphone in Jefferson Hall on Feb. 14 at approximately 4:07 p.m.

### Larceny

On Feb. 12 around 5:20 p.m., a case of larceny occurred at Eagle Landing. The case is pending.

### Public Intoxication

On Feb. 14, at approximately 5:21 p.m., a case of public intoxication occurred at Pollard Hall, resulting in one arrest.

*The information was compiled with assistance from UMW Police Manager James DeLoach and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natalia Bledsoe.*

*The Bulletin will publish the names of students who are formally charged by the University of Mary Washington Campus Police or the Fredericksburg Police Department to have committed acts of extreme violence against members of the UMW community or pose a large threat to that community, when names are released to the public. The Bulletin will publish names and write articles about criminal acts on a case-by-case basis according to the aforementioned parameters.*

## Kappa Sigma hosts canvas signing

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Fisher House Foundation, Kappa Sigma's philanthropy.

The Fisher House Foundation provides "a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment," according to their website.

Each year, Kappa Sigma strives to raise \$1,000 for the Fisher House Foundation. During the canvas signing, Kappa Sigma will be collecting money from students for the foundation.

"Anything helps," said Stone. "It's going for a good cause."

The canvas will only be available for those two days and will honor the victims of the bombing and the city of Boston.

"Hopefully students reach out and hopefully it will be a success," said Stone.

On the Feb. 26, students will be able to sign the canvas from



Courtesy of Cooper Stone

Kappa Sigma will host a canvas that students can sign in remembrance of the Boston Bombing.

2 to 5 p.m. On Feb. 27, the canvas will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. After the signing, there will be a brothers-only picture at 5 p.m., where the members of Kappa Sigma will take their picture with the canvas. At 5:30 p.m., there will be another picture that is open to all students.

## This Week's Campus Briefing:

*A guide to the events at the University of Mary Washington and Fredericksburg Community. Compiled from information provided in the UMW newsletter EagleEye.*



### The Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series, Jim Thorpe:

Kate Buford, author of "Native American Son: The Life and Sporting Legend of Jim Thorpe," will speak on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in George Washington Hall, Dodd Auditorium for the Great Lives Lecture. Thorpe was a multi-sport athlete who became a national symbol as an ethnic outsider who overcame racial barriers in sports.

### Let's Go to Guantanamo! An On-the-Ground Perspective on the 9/11 Trial:

Human rights expert Lisa Hajjar will speak about the 9/11 trials on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in Monroe Hall, Room 116. Hajjar will be speaking about the military commission trial for Khaled Sheikh Muhammad and four other men accused of responsibility for the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

### Poetry Reading:

Irish poet Michael O'Siadhail will give a poetry reading on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Hall, Room 411. O'Siadhail previously received The Marten Toonder Prize and The Irish American Culture Institute Prize for Literature. The poetry reading is free and open to the public.



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## Entrepreneur talks to local community

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Feb. 27, at the Fredericksburg Campus, Ernst will speak to regional business leaders at the invitation-only Executive-in-Residence Business Breakfast. Ernst's presentation, "Entrepreneurialism: Taking Risks and Lessons in Leadership," will chronicle his experiences as a business leader and entrepreneur.

"His visit will benefit them because you can always learn from someone else's successes and failures," said Maggie McGraw, a senior business major. "By asking him questions we can learn that we are on the

right path or what we need to do to get there because he had been in the same position that we are currently in."

McGraw finds the program to be beneficial due to the different professionals that students can learn from.

"An insider's point of view is always helpful in my opinion. I find this program to be greatly beneficial. You can have the opportunity to learn from professionals from all walks of life including the path that you want to follow," said McGraw.

*Additional reporting by:  
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### CORRECTION:

In the article "Eagle Landing apartments offers mixed-sex housing," from the February 13, 2014 issue of the Bulletin, Chris Porter, director of residence life is quoted as stating, "There's no place on campus where both sexes use the same bathroom."

Ms. Porter is quoted correctly, but the Bulletin was informed that the information Ms. Porter gave was incorrect. The University of Mary Washington does in fact have mixed-sex bathrooms in multiple academic and residence halls on campus.

## One week until Spring Break!





# VIEWPOINTS

## SGA a good way to get involved

This past week, the University of Mary Washington held its annual Student Government Association (SGA) elections for various leadership positions, and the voter participation only reached around 17 percent, according to the Student Government.

Less than a quarter of the student population chooses to exercise its option to vote, yet the UMW community is notorious for complaining about their university. Students are more interested in taking Buzzfeed quizzes on which sandwich best represents you, instead of deciding which students best represent you.

We can all admit that there is probably something that we dislike about the university; we would not be millennials if we did not want to change something.

Even given that, over Facebook, many UMW students posted on UMW Confessions 2.0 about their dislike and hatred for the university and community, yet the student government elections results are never very high in voting

participation.

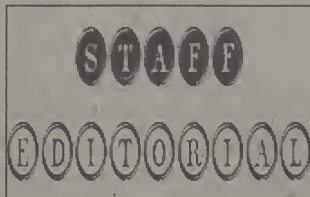
There are several complaints that events never happen at the university, yet the weekly publication of this paper proves otherwise. We ex-

first choice, while others undeniably come because they did not get into their first choice. Regardless of one's reason for coming to UMW, it is up to all of us to make these four years worth it.

We would like to congratulate all of the new SGA elected members, including new SGA President Samantha Worman, SGA Vice President Nate Levine, Honor Council President Catherine Purtell, Judicial Review Board (JRB) President Kristy

Ju, Association of Residence Halls President Mia Boleis, ICA President Matt McAloon, LAC Chair Joe Dolan and JRB Vice President Maddie Carinci.

We are looking forward to working with all of you to continue making UMW a home away from home for every person that spends time here. We hope that you all will have the same commitment of past SGA administrations, moving to make us great. After all, this is the place that great minds get to work.



tensively cover the Fredericksburg and UMW communities' news, along with the events that are occurring or are going to occur.

If students have concerns about the university, voice their opinion via Facebook, but there are more productive ways, such as running for student government, writing a letter to the editor to us here at the Bulletin, or speaking to the administration.

Even voting in the elections would be a step in the right direction. Many students come to UMW because it is their

## GMU beats UMW to the punch

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News Editor

Shortly after the University of Mary Washington announced a new mixed-sex housing program, George Mason University announced a truly gender-neutral housing option for all students. The GMU program, which allows students of any sex to room together, places them as the first school in Virginia to have a housing program of this type.

A recent Washington Post article made the announcement and left many UMW students scratching their heads, believing UMW was the first to implement a similar program. Some were outraged.

But alas, UMW was not the first.

While UMW may be the first to institute a program of this type, our gender-neutral housing is more about living in a like-minded community and less about true gender neutrality. Currently, students can live in a safe and nonjudgmental environment, but are still required to live with those of the same sex. The restrictions are under-

standable. Until recently, such a program was never instituted in Virginia. There are concerns over students abusing the program and many people are hesitant. But who exactly is holding UMW back?

In a Facebook comment, Chris Porter, director of residence life, expressed her desire for UMW to have led Virginia in this step forward.

"I really wanted to be director of the program that was first, but, in reality, GMU wins. I'll settle for second though," Porter said. "I am hoping that with a sympathetic Governor and Attorney General, and with GMU taking the plunge that we will not be far behind."

UMW has long been a forerunner for equal rights and social movements. The gender-neutral living community is a great asset to the school and is a selling point for many potential students. Yet without the agreement of the Board of Visitors and President Richard Hurdley, UMW will never be able to follow GMU's lead.

According to the Campus Pride Trans Policy Clearinghouse, 149 U.S. Institutions

have gender blind housing available for interested students. According to the Washington Post, only one to two percent of students who attend institutions that offer such housing actually take advantage of it.

This dispels the largest argument against gender-blind housing, which often claims that students will abuse such a privilege in order to live with their romantic partners.

However, the gender-neutral living community currently available at UMW has not experienced students attempting to abuse the freedom the community offers. Students who are engaged in same-sex relationships rarely attempt to live together in normal student housing, which indicates that students of the opposite sex are not likely to attempt this either.

UMW recently took a leap with its mixed-sex housing opportunity, but needs to take it a step further and offer a fully gender-neutral program. GMU already forged the way for UMW, and if students and the residence life program are in favor of such a move, there is virtually no reason to not.

## Get bent in shape with hot yoga

JAMIE NEWMAN  
Staff Writer

As my yoga instructor put it when our hot yoga class came to an end, "People who say yoga is easy haven't done it yet."

I have practiced yoga for four years now, and I can tell you that from my experiences, yoga truly is not easy. Most of the

questions I receive about yoga are along the lines of whether it is only stretching and used strictly for relaxation purposes, but there are numerous benefits to practicing yoga.

When one dedicates time to practice, they are doing much more for their body and health than just "stretching." People often notice that they are sleeping better, they feel more relaxed and they feel happier. One can gain clarity in many aspects of their life, including clarity of themselves and of others.

Many also notice a posi-

tive difference in their physical looks, which is an added bonus.

For those critics who claim yoga is not for them because it is too "boring" or "easy," perhaps they should try hot yoga.

In a hot yoga class, students still practice traditional yoga; it just happens to be in a hot room.

ing.

The heat in the room helps one's muscles relax, which means one's body will flow deeper into the poses. Therefore, the body benefits even more from the poses, both physically and mentally.

Clarity and relaxation are two states of being that are hard to access, especially for a college student. A beautiful thing about yoga is its dogma of practicing to leave one's problems off the mat. Through regular practice, one gets to know oneself better. People can learn to let go of self-judgment, which for some can be the hardest part of continuing a fitness routine.

Attend a yoga session and feel the benefits enrich the body. Or, to use the new motto of the Stafford House of Yoga, "Get Bent."

*For those critics who claim yoga is not for them because it is too "boring" or "easy," perhaps they should try hot yoga.*

Hot rooms are typically around 100 degrees. The room is also extremely humid because of body heat.

Some hot classes offered can last an hour and a half. These classes are rigorous, yet reward-



Courtesy of Flickr

Yoga is now being widely practiced by many who want to get in shape and stay mentally healthy.



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Eagle Landing will allow mixed sex apartments for the upcoming school year.

## Through the Pages

Compelling opinions from major publications this week.

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"I'm here today because I am gay. And because... maybe I can make a difference," Page told a crowd at an event called Time to THRIVE, a conference to promote issues of the gay community."

-Lateef Mungin, CNN

"It's outrageous that these tragedies occur, but repealing 'stand your ground' laws will not stop them. The problem is not in our legislation, it's in our collective hearts. We have a system that is still, without question, the best in the world, but it's far from perfect."

-Mark O'Mara, CNN Legal Analyst

As a lesbian, and yes, one who has been known from time to time to propagandize (i.e., write and talk) about how gay people are equal in every sense imaginable to straight folks -- and should be treated as such -- I feel the Russian law is unthinkably inhumane and offensive. And as far as I'm concerned, it's a reason to boycott the Sochi games and ostracize Russia on the world stage in general.

- Sally Kohn, CNN

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Nye wins against Ham in debate over science and creationism

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It was the debate of the year. On Wednesday, Feb. 3, thousands tuned in on YouTube to watch the battle of creationism versus evolution. Bill Nye, famed science educator and television host, debated against creationist Ken Ham, founder of the Creation Museum and president of Answers in Genesis, a Christian outreach organization. The men debated for two and a half hours on the topic, "Is creation a viable model of origins in today's modern scientific era?"

The main difference between the two debaters was that Nye used clear evidence to support his claim and was open to new ideas if evidence accompanied them, while Ham simply referred back to his personal interpretation of the Bible.

Ham based his debate platform on a literal interpretation of the Bible's Book of Genesis. According to the book, the earth was created 6,000 years ago.

The fall of man brought about the great flood, and Noah brought two of each animal onto his ark. A majority of Ham's argument explained what he feels is a misinterpretation of the word "science" and the difference between observational and historical science.

Ham feels that we cannot

fully understand the past with science because were not there to witness it.

He ignored scientific evidence from radioactive decay that proves a drastically different age of the earth because the rocks are from the past. Ham believes in current scientific methods, but feels they do not apply to the past. According to Ham, we cannot prove what happened in the past with scientific methods, so we must rely on the Bible.

In Ham's opening presentation, he offered no evidence for why his model of creation was a viable option for the origins of species.

Instead he focused on the critics of creationism and showed that scientists could be creations.

He spent too much time claiming that textbooks were imposing atheism on America's children, rather than showing why one should support him in the first place.

While Ham avoided many

of the scientific questions presented to him by citing the Bible, Nye was prepared with clear evidence against Ham's claims.

To defend evolution, Nye cited the worldwide distribution of fossils, which supports animals evolving in specific regions of the earth, as opposed to Ham's claim that animals headed out in pairs from the biblical ark in the Middle East. Nye's debate platform was based on multiple counts of scientific evidence to support the evolutionary model and a 4.5 billion-year-old earth.

Nye questioned the likelihood of Ham's views, such as

a 500-foot wooden boat with eight people to care for 14,000 animals.

From his literal interpretation of The Book of Genesis, Ham claimed that all animals were vegetarians before the "fall." According to Ham's views, all animals were created in their original form and have not changed since their creation.

For example, Ham claimed lions were created with sharp teeth but ate plants and grasses before the sin of man. "I have not spent a lot of time with lions," said Nye, "but I can tell they have teeth that really aren't set up for broccoli."

A main point of Nye's plat-

form was to encourage scientific discovery and exploration. Nye did not want people, especially children, to be limited by a creationist view of the earth. He expressed a major concern about Americans ignoring science. Americans will not be able to innovate, create and move forward without science, according to Nye.

The pivotal point in the debate was when both men were asked if any amount of evidence would cause them to change their mind. Ham firmly said no, while Nye answered that simple evidence would be enough.

With his blatant refusal to accept evidence, Ham sunk his own argument. He proved he was adamantly against any other type of belief or information. Why should anyone open themselves up to Ham's view, when he made it clear that he would never consider anyone else's, with or without evidence?

In a pre-debate

interview with Huffington Post Live in January, Nye stated that he knew he was not going to change Ham's mind.

Instead, he wanted to show people that creationist beliefs are still active and are a part of public school education in America. The real fear for Nye was creationism in school textbooks being taught to children as science.

According to a 2013 analysis by Pew Research Center, a third of Americans reject evolution and feel that "humans and other living things have existed in their present form since the beginning of time."

It's this third of Americans that Nye appealed to during his presentation.

With Ham's refusal to acknowledge any scientific evidence, the real beneficiaries to the debate were the viewers, who hopefully learned from the scientific evidence presented by Nye. He encouraged discovery and exploration and was open to new information and knowledge.

Nye clearly won by presenting a model with clear evidence and encouraging the expansion of one's mind; discovering more from our earth. Unfortunately Ham limited himself to a single interpretation and welcomed no one's views but his own.



Courtesy of Flickr

Bill Nye and Ken Ham held a publicly broadcasted debate about the evidence behind evolution and the belief of creationism. Both men are renown in their collective fields.

## Dunn's case reminiscent of the same old stereotypes alive and well

KATIE REDMILES  
Viewpoints Editor

On November 23, 2012 Jordan Davis was shot and killed. The reasoning given behind his brutal murder is that he and his friends were playing rap music too loudly, that he seemed threatening and an attack was

imminent.

It does not take a person of extraordinary intelligence to understand the real reason why Davis was killed, and it is about time someone discusses it openly. Davis was shot because Michael Dunn, a middle aged white man, was afraid of him and his friends based on the

stereotypes associated with his race.

Dunn claims it was self-defense that made him shoot at Davis' SUV nine times, and he never intended for anyone to be killed.

"My intent was to stop the attack, not necessarily end a life," he testified. "It just worked out

that way," said Dunn according to CNN reporter Ed Payne.

Dunn shot at a car full of teens only a few feet away and claims he did not intend to kill anyone. With violence all over the news and in the media, it is hard for one to believe that a man of Dunn's age in possession of a gun did not factor in the possibility of death.

Furthermore, the attack of which he spoke seems never to have occurred. Based on Dunn's and eyewitness testimony, said CNN, Dunn asked the teens to turn down their music and they got mouthy. He then chose to fire his weapon.

He later claimed that he thought he saw Davis holding a gun through the window, yet when police searched the car all they found was "a basketball, basketball shoes, clothing, a camera tripod and cups inside the teenagers' Durango. There was no gun in the vehicle," said Payne in the CNN report.

Earlier this week, Dunn was put on trial for the charges of attempted second-degree murder against the three surviving teens and first-degree murder for the killing of 17-year-old Jordan Davis. He was found guilty of the three counts of second-degree murder. For Davis' life, the jury was hung.

It was almost 50 years ago

that the public was first introduced, through Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," to Atticus Finch's plea to the jury to do what they know is right, what is as clear as black and white.

Dunn killed Davis, a young boy who will never again listen to music with his friends at a gas station while buying gum and cigarettes. What exactly is threatening to an adult white male about a few young boys in a public gas station lis-

tening to music? Sadly, the only explanation left, and it is the same explanation that plagued the nation earlier this year when Trayvon Martin's death was in the spotlight, is that Dunn felt threatened because Davis was African American.

To let Dunn go unpunished for the murder he committed, and for the reasons he committed it, sends the message yet again to young African American boys that their death will mean nothing in the eyes of the

law if someone deems them "threatening." Threatening, according to Florida law, includes hoodies and loud music.

It would be surprising and beyond ignorant if people believe these were the reasons for the murders committed by Dunn and George Zimmerman, Martin's killer.

Even though both men will face difficult and trying lives as a result of these trials, there is a larger problem then not having them serve their fair sentence,

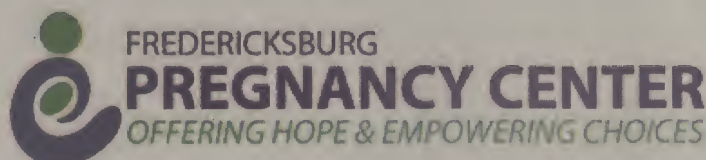
and that is that the country of the free and equal continues to see race in the courts.

Start talking about it, stop ignoring it and then maybe this country can start to reform.

Teenagers should not be afraid that an adult will shoot at them for simply being themselves.

As citizens of this country and fellow members of the human race, it is time to let it be known that what occurred stemmed from racism, what continues to be decided on these cases is because of racism and similar cases will go the same way as a result of racism unless people speak out and change the backward mindset that is plaguing the justice system.

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# STYLE

## The Dragonfly flies into downtown Fredericksburg



Courtesy of Dragonfly Yoga

Pictured above are three types of yoga available at the studio. The downtown studio is unique with its availability of hot yoga.

AMANDA MOTLEY  
Style Section Editor

These days everyone is looking for a new way to exercise. Whether you are looking for a way to get in shape, stay in shape or relax, yoga can be a great way to accomplish any of these things.

However, the hustle and bustle of college life it can be hard to find the time to take one of the time allotted yoga class-

es. Dragonfly Yoga Studio's 10-minute walk from campus could be just the answer to these problems.

The studio offers a wide variety of classes including the popular trend "Hot Yoga," for every experience level, all at a discount for University of Mary Washington students.

Dragonfly Yoga surpassed its projected success already with classes filling quickly every day. Steve Watkins, Kit McFar-

land and Stacey McLaughlin founded the studio in October 2013. Watkins is a retired UMW teacher who taught English at the University for 22 years.

The company promotes physical, mental and spiritual health and has a non-profit sector called Dragonfly Yoga Project. The Bulletin sat down with owners Watkins and Farland to discuss the studio, the benefits of yoga and their non-profit organization.

How many different classes do you guys have to offer?

Watkins: We offer a wide variety of classes for all different experience levels and ages. We have a large variety of walk-in classes.

Do you guys have classes for people who have never done yoga before?

Watkins: Yes, we have classes for people with all different experience levels. We have beginner and gentle yoga, inter-

mediate yoga, power yoga, hot yoga, teen and family yoga. If someone comes in and cannot do a particular move, I would provide modifications for them.

What is "Hot Yoga"?

Farland: Hot yoga is a popular class that is in a separate room than the regular yoga. The ceiling has heat panels that allow the room to heat up to 100 degrees. There are various styles of hot yoga, including 90 minutes with a series of poses, 90 minutes flow traditional yoga, 60 minute flow, traditional yoga and 60 minute beginner. Hot Yoga also has different benefits because it makes you sweat more and in turn, you release toxins.

What are some of the benefits of Yoga?

Watkins: The benefits are very manifest. Not only does it give you a great workout, but also it calms the Parasympathetic Nervous System. College students deal with stress, deadlines, different pressures, anxiety and deprivation. Yoga can help with all of these. We help you learn the right breath techniques and to calm your mind. There are also spiritual benefits. You can work on your connec-

tion with the universe, within whatever your beliefs.

How is the Dragonfly Yoga project benefiting the community?

Watkins: The program is working to give free classes to children, veterans and military families at least two times a month. This program is completely free to participate in and has been able to operate based on donations from within the community. It brings Yoga and its health benefits to people who cannot afford the classes or people who are military veterans and their families. This can be beneficial to military persons, especially who might be dealing with traumatic life events.

If you could let the UMW community know anything about Dragonfly Yoga, What would it be?

Watkins: I would tell them to take advantage of our student rate, it is only \$8. Take advantage of the physical and mental benefits from yoga.

Farland: Take advantage of the student rate and come in to relieve stress. We want to help bridge the relationship with the UMW community and downtown Fredericksburg.

## D.I.Y corner: Polka-dot purse

DELLA HETHCOX  
Staff Writer

As spring quickly approaches it is time to grab that drab, lifeless clutch from the black pit of your closet to give it a new lease on life and some air time.

Crafting is one of my favorite things to do because it costs very little and most of the materials can be found in your room!

The supplies you need are clutch, wallet, or smooth purse, craft paint or pencil.

If you don't have an extra purse laying around, hit the thrift stores (vintage clutches run about \$1 to \$5) or the Target clearance aisle.

Craft paint can be found at almost any dollar store, craft store or Target and it only costs around \$1 to \$2.

After trial and error, I found that a new pencil with an intact eraser makes the very best polka dot. However, Q-tips and

the end of a makeup brush will do a decent job applied with varying degrees of pressure.

Once you have gathered your supplies, it is up to you to decide on your design. Let your inner artist run free! I can not resist a polka dot print, but if you do not want polka dots,

Groundbreaking."

The bag I chose is a vintage, navy blue clutch, which is a dime a dozen at thrift stores. I picked it up for a dollar figuring I could do something to jazz it up. Some craft paint and, half an hour later, a new clutch emerged, I chose to only paint the flap because polka dots are a busy print, especially with a metallic blue paint.

Simple clutches are the ultimate blank canvases and there are hundreds of ways to make them fresh and personalized. Metallic paints will give your bag more of an evening feel, but a neon paint would

be great way to get a little more pep in your day as spring and midterms approach.

After applying your design, give your bag at least a day to dry, and then you are ready to hit the town!

use wedge makeup sponges to apply a geometric, tribal print.

Make your clutch a statement piece and go for graphic stripes, or try your hand at a floral pattern and ignore the Miranda Priestly voice in your head, "Florals for spring?"



Instructions for how to make a D.I.Y polka-dot purse.

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This clutch can be made in your own dorm room for under ten dollars.

## Those awkward 94 minutes



Courtesy of Flickr

From left to right: Miles Teller (Daniel), Zac Efron (Jason) and Micheal B. Jordan (Mikey).

ABBY MULUGETA  
Staff Writer

Most of us can relate to that awkward moment when you asked or received pesky relationship questions, such as, "So...where is this going?" "So...where do you see us in the future?" "So...does this mean we are dating?"

These questions define relationships. If you are the receiver, you probably dread the thought of being asked, and there is a reason why you do not bring it up. However, if you are the one asking, it's probably because you are confused by the relationship that you are investing so much time in.

Tom Gormican's R-rated comedy, "That Awkward Moment," tells the story of three best friends, Jason (Zac Efron), Daniel (Miles Teller) and Mikey (Michael B. Jordan) who

find themselves in the awkward "so..." moment.

At the beginning of the movie, Jordan's character gets dumped by his beautiful and successful wife. In support of their heartbroken friend, Efron's and Teller's characters decide to join their friend in the single life.

One of their many nights at their usual bar, Jason goes home with Ellie (Imogene Poots). Contrary to what Jason is used to, his one night stand turns into a fling that he cannot pursue due to the pact that he made with his friends.

Soon enough, Daniel also finds himself attracted to their close friend Chelsea (Mackenzie Davis).

Meanwhile, Mikey is sleeping with his ex-wife. He has high hopes of reconciling their marriage that has been tampered by lies. In the end, their friendship

remains in question.

Overall, this is a predictable movie where the audience knows the story as soon as the plot thickens. It deals with guys' fear of commitment, and at the end they all realize that it is not worth losing the girl.

The plot was not original, but it was well developed unlike most romantic comedies. In the movies 94 minutes the characters' personalities matched their actions: the responsible doctor Mikey tried to fix his relationship with his wife, the party boy Jason tried to be a playboy and flirty boy next door Daniel tried to find love.

However, where "That Awkward Moment" lacks originality, it does a great job of portraying the awkward moments today's generation faces when it comes to relationships.

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# STYLE

## Professor Profile

An interview with Mehdi Aminrazavi, Professor of religion and philosophy and the recipient of the Scholars Rescue Fund.



Courtesy of Mehdi Aminrazavi

JORDAN WILLIAMS  
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Students rarely think of professors outside of class, nor imagine their work beyond the everyday lecture, but in fact professors do have a history and work beyond just grading papers.

Professor of classics, philosophy and religion Mehdi Aminrazavi has expertise beyond Islam, world religions and Iran. He is also a humanitarian who recently received an award from the Scholars Rescue Fund for helping with the hosting of Leila Asadi.

Aminrazavi was contacted about Leila Asadi. Her life was in danger because she was involved with sex trafficking in Iran and had a general interest in human rights.

"On a personal level, it was very gratifying. Bringing a person whose life was in danger was very positive for me. Mary Washington became a sanctuary and provided a safe haven for her and I'm grateful for that. It was also great to see

that students benefited from her expertise. It was the first time that we have sponsored a visiting scholar who is teaching and writing and speaking about human rights and sex trafficking in the Middle East. That was immensely beneficial to our students," said Aminrazavi.

The Scholars Rescue Fund is an organization based in New York. The organization finds temporary teaching assignments for persecuted scholars and academics that are from countries in turmoil in different parts of the world.

Aminrazavi said he keeps his award on his desk because he likes looking at it.

"It's a symbol of my humble contribution," said Aminrazavi. "I'm honored to be a recipient."

Aminrazavi earned his B.A. in 1979 and M.A. in 1981 in urban planning from the University of Washington and earned his Ph.D. in philosophy of religion from Temple University in 1989.

"I just knew that I wanted to go to the west and study," said Aminrazavi.

Aminrazavi routinely teaches courses in philosophy and religion, which usually include various classes on Islam, world religions, introduction to religion, philosophy of religion and medieval philosophy.

If he could create any class to teach, Aminrazavi said he would like to teach a two-semester course on Islam in the West that entails a comprehensive study of Christian and Islamic civilizations. According to Aminrazavi, "there has been a history of corporation between the two and that history often is not mentioned, much less studied."

Aminrazavi came to UMW as a graduate student. Professor David Cain contacted him about a position for teaching a course on Medieval Islamic Philosophy.

"I came here basically to teach a course as an adjunct. I was a graduate student, almost had finished my Ph.D. so I needed experience. I came here and ended up staying," said Aminrazavi.

## Playlist for proficiency

LAUREN BRUMFIELD  
Assistant Style Editor

Picture this: spring break is right around the corner. In order to have a week of freedom, however, you have to get past midterms. Campus changed drastically in the last week. Classes seem fuller than ever, and you are elbowing your way for desk space in the library.

The silent atmosphere of that third-floor desk cubicle in the library seems too quiet, but the eagerness for an "A" forces you to stay put. As a solution, you plug in your headphones and begin listening to the "My Top Rated" playlist on your iPod.

Before you know it, you have been "reading" the same page in your textbook for over ten minutes and you're singing along to your favorite song, completely ignoring your studies. Seeing that you are not being as productive as you would like, you

turn to plan B: turning on classical music.

You think to yourself, "I can't sing along to a song with no words. Now I'll study, right?" Wrong. Not only are you not studying, but the classical music is putting you to sleep.

Many well-intended students face scenarios like this all the time. But in order to do well on exams, one needs to study efficiently. That is where this article comes to the rescue. The list below is a compiled list of study music that you maybe had not thought of to help you get through mid terms.

It can be a challenge to find music that is not overbearing, will not put you to sleep or have you embarrassingly humming in the library. Students need a stimulating background without distractions to retain information. To enhance concentration and stimulate learning, there may be benefits to listening to

video game soundtracks while you work.

"Normally I'll listen to Dave Matthews, Bon Iver and Fleet Foxes while I study, but I always end up doing more singing than studying. Just the other day I tried listening to a soundtrack from a video game, and I was actually really productive," said Robin Brazier, a junior and geography major.

The music that plays in the background of a video game can provide a unique link to the emotions of not only the gamer, but the studier as well. Video game soundtracks are created to have a relaxing effect to keep the mind calm and alert under pressure.

So if you need a little extra help with studying for your midterms coming up, try working with the following songs playing in the background.

### Playlist:

1. "Ezios Family" from Assassin's Creed II
2. "Icarus" by Deus Ex: Human Revolution
3. "Glacial Skies" from Ace Combat Zero: The Belkan War
4. "The Storm" from Battlefield: Bad Company 2
5. "Song of Time" from The Legend of Zelda

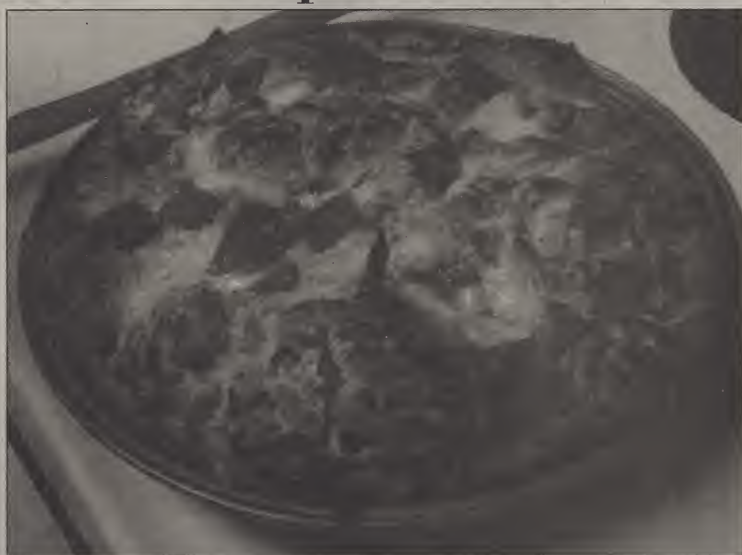
## Easy, cheesy Pizza Recipe

### Ingredients:

- 1 can of pizza dough or biscuits
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese
- 2 tablespoons of parsley flakes
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 8oz. bag of pepperoni
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese flakes
- Optional: Garlic or garlic powder

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees
2. Cut pizza dough or biscuits into smaller pieces
3. Cut the pepperoni into smaller pieces
4. Toss the dough, pepperoni and remaining ingredients in a bowl until all pieces of dough are evenly coated with oil and everything is evenly mixed.
5. Spread mixed ingredients evenly onto a cookie sheet or pizza pan with sides touching.
6. Bake for about 30 minutes or until the top is brown and the center is thoroughly cooked.



AMANDA MOTLEY  
STYLE SECTION EDITOR

As a financially struggling college student, I am always looking for dishes I can make easily and take with me on the go. I especially like pizza and this is one food you can either make healthy or cheese it up for that day when you just need a little comfort that can only be fulfilled by junk food.

Pizza can be, however, very messy and not exactly a food you can eat on the go. Half of the time pizza ends up on my shirt instead of my mouth. I sought out to discover the perfect portable pizza dish that would travel with me on the go or delight me on a plate to eat at home - with any topping I could imagine.

Originally, I found this recipe on Pinterest and modified it

slightly after trial and error. This is one of the easiest and best and is guaranteed to please the masses.

We can all relate, I'm sure, when I say that campus dining begins to get tiresome at this point in the semester. So, why not grab a few ingredients and make a great dinner? This recipe is so simple you can even make it in your dorm room kitchen.

### Tip:

Before removing from oven, make sure the middle is thoroughly cooked. Let it cool slightly and cut into easy to handle size pieces for at home or "on-the-go" dining. I found that both pizza dough and biscuits work equally well for this recipe, and you can use just about any topping you usually would put on a pizza. Use whichever base you prefer, and let your imagination be your guide for the toppings! Bon Appétit!



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## LOCAL POLITICS

## Ethics reform bill passes



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The recent scandal of former Gov. Bob McDonnell led to the new ethics reform bill.

STEPHANIE TIPPLE  
Staff Writer

Following the recent scandal and subsequent indictment of former Gov. Bob McDonnell, the Virginia House of Delegates passed an ethics reform bill in Richmond last week.

McDonnell came under fire when Star Scientific, a campaign contributor, provided the Governor and his wife with lavish gifts. McDonnell went on to support legislation that would help Star Scientific's profits.

There are two main focuses within the ethics bill: a monetary limit on gifts and more frequent disclosure reporting.

Prior to the reform, there was no dollar amount limit on gifts that elected officials received, as long as they were disclosed in the yearly report. With this bill in effect, there is now a limit of \$250 per item for any tangible gifts given to officials. There was an exception made for trips and meals, which will still not have a monetary limit.

"When you ask people to develop ethic policies for themselves, they don't exactly have an incentive to be really, really

aggressive. And so what you see here is a tightening up of laws that were really loose, but make no mistake about it, they could have been much tighter than this," said Professor Stephen Farnsworth, professor of political science and director of the Center for Media and Leadership Studies.

In addition to gift limits, the reform will require that elected officials file personal disclosure forms every six months. The previous standard was only once a year. According to Farnsworth, this may not be transparent and far-reaching enough. "There's no need to have disclosure every six months. It can be current, up-to-the-minute disclosure, where any updates could be filed every month, or every two weeks, or something like that. We have the technology for instantaneous updating of these reports," said Farnsworth.

Farnsworth also noted a gap in the reform, as personal investment holdings of these elected officials remain unaddressed in the legislative process of this ethics reform bill.

"One of the things that

hasn't received much scrutiny is the extent to which personal investment holdings of law makers can effect the choices they make, in terms of helping some businesses as opposed to others. It's a potential problem that doesn't get much attention," said Farnsworth.

While the reform bill provides much needed ethical progress, the motivation behind it seemed reactionary to McDonnell's assignment.

"The legislature could not have ignored the ethics scandal of the last governor. They absolutely had to do something," said Farnsworth. "What they did here was something that allowed them to go back to the voters and say they tightened up the ethics rules. What it also allows them to do is to still use some of the loopholes that remain, for their own personal advantage."

McDonnell has already been formally charged for his failure to accurately disclose all of the gifts he received as governor. His trial is expected to begin this summer.

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## Judge rules Virginia marriage ban unconstitutional

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A federal judge ruled last Thursday, February 13 that the Commonwealth of Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional, citing the freedom to marry as a fundamental right of all United States citizens, regardless of sexual orientation.

Judge Arenda Wright Allen of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia delivered the ruling on a lawsuit brought to court by two homosexual couples from Norfolk.

In the 41-page opinion, Allen states, "Virginia's Marriage Laws unconstitutionally deny Virginia's gay and lesbian citizens the fundamental freedom to choose to marry."

Citing the due process and equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment, Allen stated, "the Supreme Court has recognized repeatedly that marriage is a fundamental right."

"Gay and lesbian individuals share the same capacity as heterosexual individuals to form, preserve and celebrate loving, intimate and lasting relation-

ships...created through the exercise of sacred personal choices," said Allen.

She went on to state that the U.S. Constitution affords the same rights to all citizens and the right to make choices such as who to marry "must be free from unwarranted government interference."

Allen countered the defense of tradition, stating, "tradition alone cannot justify denying same-sex couples the right to marry" and that the ban holds no legitimate state purpose.

"Government interests in perpetuating traditions, shielding state matters from federal interference, and favoring one model of parent over others must yield to this country's cherished protections that ensure the exercise of the private choices of the individual citizen regarding love and family," wrote Allen.

This decision overturns a 2006 amendment to Virginia's Constitution and subsequent state law that prohibited same-sex marriage. This also follows newly inaugurated Attorney General Mark Herring's reversal on the issue. In 2006, as a state senator, Herring voted in

favor of the ban but recently declared that he would not support it as attorney general.

However, this ruling does not immediately make same-sex marriage legal in the Commonwealth. Allen stayed the ruling based on an expected appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, according to the Washington Post.

The stay temporarily halts further legal processes, and therefore marriage licenses will not be available for same-sex couples. If the ruling is confirmed by the higher court then the legal process for allowing same-sex marriages in Virginia can begin.

Many are hoping that the higher court upholds the ruling and that Allen's decision leads toward legalization of same-sex marriage in Virginia.

"I think that it's great Virginia is showing a progressive move toward the future, which should include equal marriage for all," said junior international affairs major Ally Thames.

Allen's ruling also states that the Commonwealth of Virginia must respect same-sex marriages legally obtained within other

states. According to the Associated Press, Virginia is now the second state in the South to rule that the state must recognize legal same-sex marriages.

The ruling is significant within the current context of national debate over same-sex marriage, especially after the Supreme Court's striking down of the Defense of Marriage Act this past June. The Supreme Court's decision declared that the federal government must recognize same-sex marriages from states in which it is legal, but it did not address whether prohibition of same-sex marriage is or is not constitutional.

"I am glad Virginia is heading toward the right side of history," said Chris Dingus, president of the University of Mary Washington's Young Democrats. "Hopefully this trend continues."

Dingus expressed hope that Virginia will now help set into motion similar rulings throughout peripheral states in the South.

"This ruling lays the groundwork for more progress not only in Virginia but in surrounding states as well," said Dingus.

Virginia's decision joins re-



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Judge Arenda Wright Allen ruled the marriage ban unconstitutional.

cent, similar state rulings from Oklahoma and Utah. Fights across the country to end state restrictions on marriage are collectively pushing for a more

definite Supreme Court decision on whether the Constitution provides a right to same-sex marriage.

## Great Lives Schedule

Thursday, February 20  
Tuesday, February 25  
Thursday, February 27  
Tuesday, March 11  
Thursday, March 13  
Tuesday, March 18  
Thursday, March 27

Jim Thorpe  
Mata Hari  
Augustus  
Henry Ward Beecher  
Atomic Girls  
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Tuesday, April 22

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# SPORTS

## Lady Eagles' record continues to fly north this winter

CHRIS MARKHAM  
Assistant Sports Editor

Last month, on Saturday, Jan. 25, the Lady Eagles basketball team suffered a heartbreaking loss to the then undefeated Spartans of York College.

Since that loss, University of Mary Washington has won five of its last six games, winning with an average of 29.4 points per game.

"We are starting to peak at the right time with playoffs right around the corner, and we are sitting right where we want to be," said senior guard Sam Partonen.

The most recent of UMW's victories was a 74-36 win against Wesley College on the Eagles' senior night.

Seniors Partonen, Aby Diop and Brienneke Matthes were recognized prior to the game. The three seniors came up big in the

assists to lead the Eagles.

"Beating opponents by one point or 30 points really doesn't make a difference to us, as long as we get the win," said Partonen. "But I must admit, the 30 point wins are even better because it definitely sends a message to anyone

*"We have worked extremely hard this season, and we are starting to reap the benefits of all of that hard work."*

-Sam Partonen

game, each scoring in double figures for the Eagles and led the team in their respective categories.

Matthes paced the team in scoring with 13 points, Diop led the team in rebounds with 10 and Partonen dropped seven

who doubts us."

UMW can credit much of their success to the leadership of these seniors. The well balanced group has kept the team focused and ready for each game and continuing to set the right example for their teammates to



Courtesy of UMW Athletics

Senior Brienneke Matthes (middle) was one of three seniors recognized on UMW's senior night.

follow. "Being a senior has definitely given me a sense of urgency that I haven't had in previous years," said Partonen. "I think I speak for all of the seniors when I say that we are on a mission this season to finish with absolutely no regrets and to know that we did all we could to lead our team."

Partonen leads UMW in points per game, with 11.3, as well as assists and steals per contest.

"[Diop] and [Matthes] are playing some unbelievably good basketball, and I think the three of us know how important it is as we go into playoffs to set the right example for the younger girls," said Partonen.

One of those five victories, and arguably the Eagles' best overall game of the year, was a 74-44 road win against the nationally ranked Captains of Christopher Newport University

on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Considering that when these two teams last met it resulted in a 64-43 CNU victory, the 30 point road win is a perfect example of how much the Eagles have improved throughout the past few games.

"Our coaching staff created an unbelievable game plan, and we as a team executed it extremely well," said Partonen. "We have worked extremely hard this season, and we are starting to reap the benefits of all of that hard work."

The only loss the Eagles suffered during their streak was a double overtime loss to the Salisbury University Seagulls, who currently sit just ahead of UMW in the CAC standings at third.

"Heading into the conference tournament, we are focused on doing the same things we have been doing all season: getting after it in practice every

day, mentally preparing for each game by watching film and going over scouting reports; and at the end of the day, stepping onto the court and leaving it all out there," said Partonen.

Two road games against Southern Virginia University and Penn-State Harrisburg separate UMW from the CAC tournament.

The Eagles won each of their previous match ups against these teams by 35 points, leaving the door wide open for the Eagles to snag the third seed in the tournament if Salisbury were to drop a game.

"We have believed in ourselves since day one, and our coaches have had that same confidence in us," said Partonen. "So as a unit I think we just need to keep that mentality for the conference tournament."



Courtesy of UMW Athletics

Claire Haeuptle led the Eagles with 13 points in their big win at CNU on Feb. 12.

### Upcoming Games

#### Baseball

Feb. 22 vs. Messiah noon and 3 p.m.

Feb. 23 vs. Penn State University-Altoona noon and 3 p.m.

Feb. 26 vs. Shenandoah 3 p.m.

#### Men's Lacrosse

Feb. 26 vs. Ferrum College 3 p.m.

#### Men's Tennis

Feb. 22 vs. Vassar College 9 a.m. and Denison 3 p.m.

Feb. 23 vs. N.C. Wesleyan 9 a.m.

#### Women's Tennis

Feb. 26 George Mason University 4 p.m.



The women's tennis team defeated both CNU and Methodist 9-0 Saturday.

### Sports Stats



Ayssa Zarzecki won her open on the flat class last Saturday at her

The UMW Riding team placed first at the regional championships on home ground this weekend. Senior Ayssa Zarzecki took reserve high point rider, winning her open on the flat class, and senior Molly Banfield won her open on the flat class, gaining high point rider in the region. She will advance to the Intercollegiate Horse Show

Association (IHSA) National show.

The team finished the season with 308 points, placing above second-place Virginia Commonwealth University, with 256 points. The team will now advance to the zone championships in April.

UMW will host regionals this Sunday, Feb. 23 at Hazelwild Farm.



# SPORTS

## Men's lacrosse seniors start final season with success

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Coming off a big 18-9 victory on Sunday, Feb. 16 against Hampden-Sydney College, the men's lacrosse team now has its highest expectations in years.

The team is now 2-0 after winning their Wednesday game against Randolph-Macon College with an overall score of 13-7.

"It's our year," Senior attacker Billy Kelly, who scored a career-high seven goals in Sunday's season opener. "We came out with the right mentality on Sunday. The offense moved the ball well, and goals were coming just one after another," he said.

Experience, according to Kelly, is on their side. The team has ten seniors on the roster, including attackmen Kelly, John Bolinger and Luke Dick, who all scored at least three goals in the season opener.

"We've been waiting for this year for four years," said senior goaltender Zack DelGrosso.

Head coach Kurt Glaeser was pleased with Sunday's victory from his senior-heavy team.

"We have a good bunch of leaders on the team. We were fundamentally sound on offense, and patient when we needed to be," coach Kurt Glaeser said.

The three captains, Kelly, DelGrosso and senior midfielder Joey Marson, lead the team, though others play important roles as well, according to Glaeser.



The Eagles finished 9-7 and were ranked high at 17 in the nation in 2013 and look to improve upon that in 2014.

"(Johnny) Esposito was great on face-offs and made a big difference in the game," Glaeser said.

"We started out well last year, but couldn't finish as hot as we started," Glaeser said. "We just want to take it a game at a time, we don't want to look too far ahead."

Last season, the team started the year 7-2, but slumped to a

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final record of 9-7. The team's first game of the season in 2013 ended in a dramatic 9-8 loss to Hampden-Sydney.

"That was my first game starting at goalie," DelGrosso said. "It was a crazy ending, but it felt good to go out and win

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this time."

Glaeser said he and his team want to take the season a game at a time.

"We don't want to look too far ahead," he said.

Seven of the lacrosse Eagles scored goals in Sunday's match-up, with Bolinger and Dick contributing six of the team's nine assists.

"The offense was phenom-

enal," DelGrosso said. "We've never played that well."

The team dominated Hampden-Sydney in multiple facets of the game, outshooting them 44-23 and winning 20 of 30 face-offs.

"Kelly and Luke present really tough match-ups, Glaeser said. "Luke got the best defender, and that really opened things up for Kelly. He is a smooth and smart player. This is a reason he is a captain."

Though the offense performed well, the defense had a few hiccups, according to Glaeser.

"The defense broke down a couple times during the game, and we gave up some goals that we maybe shouldn't have. Being fundamentally sound equals success," he said.

The team really clicked on the field, according to Kelly, but also wants to make the defense stronger.

"We are experienced; we just have to keep on improving," said Kelly.

DelGrosso expressed criticism of his own play.

"The defense needs to step up, but we've all looked at the game film, and we're making corrections. I need to make bigger saves too," said DelGrosso.

DelGrosso saved five of 14 shots against Hampden-Sydney.

"I think the season opener really showed us how good we can be," said DelGrosso. "We're looking to just take it game by game to put ourselves in a good position for the (CAC) tournament."

## Men's tennis starts off spring season with statement victories

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The University of Mary Washington men's tennis team is ranked No. 28 in the nation and is poised to rise in the ranks after defeating No. 27 Stevens Institute of Technology 6-3 on Saturday, Feb. 15. On Saturday, the Eagles traveled to Swathmore, Penn. to extend their undefeated start.

"The team played a solid match on Saturday against our first strong opponent, ranked No. 27 in the nation, of the year," said UMW men's tennis coach Todd Helbling. "I was happy with our energy and effort."

Winning two of three doubles and four of six singles matches, the UMW Eagles maintained their momentum all day.

The momentum started early with a doubles win by No. 1 team Tyler Carey and Evan Charles, as well as Brandon Griffin and Stratton Gilmore.

Carey and Charles squeaked out their victory over Stevens' No. 1 Ben Foran and Antonio Perch 9-8 (7-4). Griffin and

Gilmore did more than their part by picking up a hard fought 8-3 win over Stevens' Michael Feldman and Brett Derrington.

The great victories in the double matches propelled the Eagles into the singles matches. The UMW tennis team ended up winning four out of six singles matches, continuing the year's dominant year's performance.

Evan Charles and Stratton Gilmore each got their second victories of the days in their singles matches. Charles, in UMW's No. 2 spot, came back after a disappointing first set beat Stevens' Ben Foran 6-7 (2-7), 6-4, 6-2. UMW's No. 2 Stratton Gilmore had an extremely impressive win over Michael Feldman 6-1, 6-1.

The winning continued down the line with a superb win by UMW's No. 5 Alexander Blakhin downing Antonio Perch 6-4, 6-1. The No. 6 Eagle, David Lunding-Johansson, rounded off the day with a pivotal victory over Brett Derrington 6-2, 6-1.

"It was a good showing and we are excited about even stronger competition going forward,"

said Helbling.

There is no doubt that being 3-0 is the perfect way to begin the year. With a long season ahead, the UMW Eagles are set up to excel this year.

The Eagles will certainly have a busy weekend hosting the annual UMW Invite. The first match begins Saturday, Feb. 22 at 9 a.m. against Vassar College (4-0). The invite continues at 3 p.m. against Denison University (1-1) and the fun keeps rolling into Sunday with a 9 a.m. start time against N.C. Wesleyan (0-0).

All matches will be held at the UMW Tennis Center on Hanover Street.

The women's team was also successful in their weekend battles. The team defeated CAC rival Christopher Newport University and Methodist University 9-0 on Saturday.

The ladies won every singles match in both contests, putting them at 2-0 for the season, matching the men.



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UMW's No. 28 nationally ranked men's tennis team took down No. 27 ranked Stevens on Feb. 15.

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